

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUYUKI NUMAJIRI ET AL.) : Examiner: N. Bowers
Application No.: 10/811,916) : Group Art Unit: 1744
Filed: March 30, 2004) : Confirmation No. 3181
For: BIOCHEMICAL REACTION) :
CARTRIDGE : September 27, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.